

# WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM



## Painting and Coating Activities

### *Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs)*

Releasing pollutants directly or indirectly into the storm drain system or waterways is a violation of the County's Watershed Protection Ordinance (WPO). Below is a list of BMPs that may be applicable to your business. This list is not all inclusive; refer to the WPO for further details. For more information call your supervisor or the Stormwater Hotline at (888) 846-0800.

#### On the Job

- ☐ Identify whether the paint to be sanded, scraped, or removed, contains lead. Surfaces that were painted before 1978 may contain lead-based paint. State law and some local ordinances regulate the removal and disposal of paint. It is your responsibility to determine whether the paint contains lead prior to removal and disposal. Contact the County of San Diego at (858) 694-2888 for lead-based paint removal and disposal requirements.
- ☐ Collect paint chips and dust daily using dry methods such as sweeping or vacuuming to cleanup pollutants.
- ☐ Use drop cloths during paint removal, paint mixing and application of paint.
- ☐ Filter, reuse, and recycle paint thinner, and solvents whenever possible.
- ☐ Contain all rinse water used during cleaning; never dispose of rinse water to the storm drain system.
- ☐ Never rinse out paint brushes or equipment on an impervious surface such as a driveway or gutter.
- ☐ Latex paint waste must be recycled. Never pour latex paint into the sanitary sewer or storm drain system.
- ☐ Brushes and painting equipment soiled with latex paint may be rinsed in the sink or contain and capture the rinse water for disposal to the sanitary sewer (sink or toilet). Most sanitary sewer systems can digest latex rinse water into harmless products. Check with the local sewer agency for approval.

#### Materials & Waste Management

- ☐ Waste paint, solvent, and thinner are hazardous waste. Dispose of hazardous waste in accordance with laws and regulations. These materials may not be disposed to the storm drain or sanitary sewer.
- ☐ Hazardous materials and wastes shall be stored, managed and disposed in accordance with local, state and federal laws and regulations.
- ☐ Elevate and cover hazardous substances in a manner that prevents contact with rainfall and run-off.
- ☐ Securely store all materials and equipment in the vehicle during transport.
- ☐ Use secondary containment for storage areas that are likely to create a discharge.
- ☐ Whenever possible, berm and cover all equipment storage areas.
- ☐ Maintain all storage containers in good condition; keep these items securely closed when not in use.
- ☐ Inspect storage areas at least once before the rainy season (October 1– April 30) and quarterly during the rainy season. Document inspections and retain records for two years.
- ☐ Keep materials and equipment necessary for spill response in every vehicle and at the headquarters.
- ☐ Promptly clean up spills and leaks as they occur.
- ☐ Contain all spills on-site. Immediately report any spills of hazardous materials that reach the storm drain to the Hazardous Materials Division at (619) 338-2284 or 9-1-1 after normal working hours. Report non-hazardous spills reaching the storm drain to the Stormwater Hotline at (888) 846-0800.

#### Training

- ☐ Train all operators, employees, and workers responsible for activities that could result in unauthorized discharges on BMPs specific for that activity.  
Training topics should include: preventive maintenance, good housekeeping, proper waste disposal, non-stormwater disposal alternatives, equipment maintenance and repair, spill response, recycling and BMP maintenance. Maintain training records on site at headquarters. Provide corrective action training whenever a poor practice or illegal disposal practice is discovered.





## Headquarters Grounds Maintenance

- ☐ Routinely sweep and clean parking lots and paved areas around your business headquarters.
- ☐ Where practical, provide trash cans with lids in your parking lot to discourage littering.
- ☐ Sweep up dirt, leaves, litter, and clippings on walkways, street, and gutters on a regular basis.
- ☐ Use pesticides and fertilizers according to label instructions and do not apply the chemicals before a rain event. Try using less toxic alternatives. Properly dispose of all landscaping chemicals.
- ☐ Adjust sprinkler heads to avoid over-watering and runoff.
- ☐ Contain and cover stockpiles of materials such as soils, fertilizer, or potting material.
- ☐ Protect disturbed slopes that are more than 3-feet in height, and steeper than 3:1 (run-to-rise) from erosion.
- ☐ Periodically clean the rooftops of your building. Materials are not allowed to be stored on the roof and should be removed.
- ☐ Regularly inspect and conduct preventative maintenance on rooftop equipment to prevent leaks and spills.
- ☐ Direct roof downspouts away from work areas and toward pervious areas such as lawns whenever possible.
- ☐ Never allow wash water or rinse water from building and pavement washing to discharge to the storm drain system or water ways. Collect and contain it for treatment, re-use, or proper disposal.
- ☐ Temporarily cover storm drain inlets that are located within or down gradient of your business before performing any activity involving fluids that could result in spills, leaks, or runoff.

## Solid Waste Storage & Loading Areas

- ☐ All trash storage and disposal areas should be inspected weekly.
- ☐ Keep supplies to clean trash and loading and unloading areas readily accessible.
- ☐ Sweep up litter and debris around trash bins and loading and unloading areas regularly.
- ☐ Dispose of non-hazardous liquid waste into the sewer system, as allowed by local sewer agency.
- ☐ Keep dumpsters and all trash containers securely closed when not in use.
- ☐ Maintain trash bins and other waste containers in clean and leak proof condition.
- ☐ Use dry clean up methods (sweeping, vacuuming) to clean out waste containers; if hosing or pressure washing is needed, take adequate precautions to contain all wash water on-site for proper disposal.
- ☐ Load and unload materials in designated areas. Maintain loading equipment and repair any leaks.

## Inspect Your Business

- ☐ Review the operations and procedures relating to protecting the stormwater conveyance system and receiving waters from pollutants at least annually. Maintain on site, documented evidence of the annual review and provide the documentation to the inspector upon request.
- ☐ Post signs prohibiting discharges to the storm drain or receiving waters, if required by the inspector.

The Watershed Protection Ordinance may be found at [www.sdcdpw.org/WPO](http://www.sdcdpw.org/WPO)  
Additional BMP information can be found at [www.projectcleanwater.org/bmp](http://www.projectcleanwater.org/bmp)



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